

# Jesus Is God

## I Am The True Vine, part 7

John 15:1-11

#1 - The Claim, John 15:1, 5

#2 - The Illustration: Jesus Is The Vine, John 15:1, 5

### A. The Importance Of An Abundant/Fruitful Life

Having an abundant/fruitful life is important to God—it should be important to us.

What Is Fruit That I Should Have In Abundance?

- Bringing others to Christ, Psalm 126:5-6; Matthew 13:18-23
- Meeting others' urgent needs, Titus 3:14
- Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23

*Fruit represents good works: a thought, attitude or action of ours that God values.*

### B. Understand Your Role In The Vineyard:

- Jesus is the vine, vs. 1 & 5
- God is the vinedresser, vs. 1
- We are the branches, vs. 5

### C. God's Strategy For A Greater Harvest Is Pruning, John 15:2b

### D. How do I have an abundant/fruitful life? I must abide in Him.

Ten times in this short passage, Jesus told His disciples to “abide” in Him.

What does it mean to “abide?” Our English dictionary would tell us it means “to remain; continue; stay.”

Unfortunately, some of us have the pioneer spirit in excess that we are willing to go-it-alone. There is no power, there is no fruit when we leave God behind. Likewise, some of us depart from the path and pursue other things instead of God. And while we might find success as the world measures it, in eternal measures, they become wood, hay and stubble.

- Abiding Improves Our Prayer Life, vs. 7
- Abiding Brings Glory To God, vs. 8
- Abiding Means Obedience, vs. 9-10